

# A Disastrous Day

## For Pocahontas County Twelve Persons Meet Violent Deaths.

### Dynamite Explosion, Railroad Wreck, Runaway Fatality, Suicide, Lumbering Accident

#### TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

##### KILLS EIGHT ITALIAN LABORERS AT DUNLEVIE.

##### Dynamite Placed Under Dago Shanty Explodes with Awful Effect.

Last Monday night at 1:12 a. m., eight Italian laborers were killed by an explosion of dynamite under their camp at Dunlevie, a new town on the East Branch of Greenbrier River in the Upper End of Pocahontas County, three miles above Bartow.

All that is known concerning the terrible catastrophe is that the shanty in which ten Italians lived was blown up with a charge that must have contained a hundred sticks of dynamite.

Not only was the house blown into small particles but a hole was left in the ground ten feet long, 6 feet wide and three feet deep.

The Italians were employed on the lumber railway being built by E. V. Dunlevie, of New York City. He has purchased the Davis timber tract and was building a road to connect with the C. & O. extension. He is putting in large works to operate a \$200,000 tract of timber.

There are two theories connected with the explosion. The generally accepted one is that it was caused by the feeling that exists in some quarters against the importation of Italian labor into this county. That such feeling exists is indicated by the attack on the Italian camp near Gladly two weeks ago which seemed to be caused purely by race prejudice.

Also by an attempt that was made some weeks ago to blow up an Italian shanty on Cheat Mountain. In this instance ten sticks of dynamite were placed under the camp and a fuse thirty-five feet long attached to it. When discovered there was evidence that fuse had been fired and had become extinguished within a few inches of the detonator.

Another theory which seems more plausible is that the killing was accidental. Those familiar with this class of labor say that nothing is more common than for Italian laborers to abstract from the supplies of dynamite furnished by the contractors and board under the floors of their camps until they can sell the supply accumulated. They also use it for killing fish.

The explosion occurred on the night of the 14th on the eve of the feast day commemorating the Ascension of the Virgin Mary. This is one of the great days of the year with the Italians and much beer had been imported to celebrate the day. Some think that on this occasion that they had been drinking beer and that after they had become hilarious some member of the gang who did not know that there was any dynamite under the camp shot through the floor in exuberance of spirits and caused the explosion. The fact that such a great quantity of dynamite exploded lends color to this theory.

Prosecuting Attorney McNeill went up to the scene Tuesday to investigate the matter.

Not a man in the house escaped.

It is near the scene of the explosion several years ago when eight Austrian laborers were killed by dynamite while eating a lunch around a fire throwing out frozen sticks of dynamite.

Jury was composed of C. O. Arbogast, foreman, Markwood Herold, T. H. Rollins, A. J. Porter, John Rhodes, A. N. Canard.

The shanty was the old school house a building 13 feet square. The explosion was from one edge of the building exerting the force toward the river, not a particle of the building was left standing. Nearly all the men had their brains blown out.

Three bodies were found seventy-five feet from the house. Two men and two boys were blown seventy-five yards into and across the river. A ten year old boy was blown across the river and found on a large rock, without a bone broken in his body.

Another man was blown to pieces all that was found was his legs in about 100 yards away in Granville Keller's front yard. The list of the dead are as follows:

- JAS. LUCA.
- JOS. RACBELO.
- ANTONIA LAMARO.
- JOS. SOLDONIRA.
- PASTINO SOLDONIRA.
- PASQUALE SOLDONIRA.
- SALVATORE.
- FRANK STELLO.

The bodies were buried on A. M. V. Arbogast's farm about 100 yards from the scene of the explosion.

Editor R. A. Kramer went to Dunlevie Tuesday and very kindly furnished us the details.

Nobody reached the scene until daylight. No money was found until 4 p. m., when a pair of pants were found containing \$282 in currency and about \$58 in checks.

#### LEE BURNER KILLED

##### In a Runaway at Durbin on Last Monday.

Lee Burner, a much respected citizen of Travelers Rest vicinity was killed at Durbin Monday, by being thrown from his buggy. He and his daughter Maud had driven to Durbin, and he was holding his horse opposite the depot when the train pulled in. The horse frightened at the train and started to run, threw Mr. Burner from the buggy, injuring him about the head and hips. He never recovered consciousness and died in about two hours.

Mr. Burner was in his 60th year, and leaves a wife and thirteen children. His daughter Mrs. Grant Johnson lives near Marlinton. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and a brave Confederate soldier.

#### Suicide Near Durbin.

Last Tuesday an unknown man was killed above Durbin by a freight train on the C. & T. Railroad. He was observed standing on the track and after repeated signals failed to get off. With much difficulty the train was stopped and it was seen that he did not intend to get off. The train men went forward and pulled him off the track and started the train. As the train passed him he threw himself under the train and received a severe blow on the head fracturing the skull and from which he died in the Elkins hospital that night.

#### Fatal Accident at Fishing Hawk.

One of the employees of the Coker Lumber Company at Fishing Hawk was killed on Monday the day of so many fatalities in this county. He was braking out a load of lumber on a car and lost control of the brake. As he was trying to brake the car which had attained great speed he fell from the car in front of it and was run over by the train.

It rains continually and the wet roads are interfering very seriously with the hay harvest. Much of the hay has been spoiled.

#### TRAIN RUNS AWAY.

##### Engineer Loses Control of Log Train.

Train No. 1, on the Marlinton & Camden Railway, H. McCormick, conductor and Snyder, engineer, made up of three C. & O. flat cars loaded with bark, got beyond the control of the engineer on the heavy grade near the top of Stony Creek mountain, Monday evening, and ran to the old church on Stony Creek, a distance of over four miles before it could be stopped.

Off the train were a number of women and children, beside the crew. They had been picking berries on Williams River and were returning home.

When the engineer deserted his engine, all jumped off the train with the exception of Forrest Reynolds, who set the brakes and eventually stopped the train. He exhibited nerve of a high order, crawling from car to car on his stomach. When he reached the engine he did not know what to do, but fumbled with the levers and valves until he closed the throttle and reversed the engine.

All who jumped were more or less injured. The most seriously hurt was Clarence McCully, aged 9, who was thrown from the car by his father. His head struck a stone and he sustained a fracture of the skull, concussion of the brain and a broken arm. Dr. Guilford rendered prompt surgical attention and the chances are for his ultimate recovery.

The other injured were Peri McCully, bruised back.

Letitia Robb, aged 15, bruised back and head.

Mrs. Wallace Humphries, bruised arm and cut on head.

Myrtle Poague, bruised face and head.

Mrs. E. H. Gilmore bruised on body.

#### BREAKDOWN

##### Big Log Goes Amuck in the Mill at Campbelltown.

The big band mill at Campbelltown has shut down to repair the damage caused by a big log smashing through the mill Tuesday evening. A big crooked log was brought up from the pond by the endless chain arrangement, but it missed the carriage, and instead being caught and held by the "nigger," struck that gripper and was upended and hurled through the filling room above, breaking saws and smashing a lot of fine machinery. Providentially no one was hurt. The damage is estimated at \$5,000. Repairs will occasion a four week's shut down.

#### MAN KILLED AT DUNMORE

##### A. F. Carpenter Meets Death by Falling Limb.

Dunmore, W. Va.—A. F. Carpenter, cutting timber for H. E. Nixon, was killed Saturday morning by a limb, 14 feet long and about 4 inches in diameter, falling 40 feet upon his head, causing a double compound fracture, from which he died that afternoon. He never regained consciousness. Inmates took place at Dunmore Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large crowd. Mr. Carpenter was a good citizen. He leaves a wife, five sons and four daughters.

Mrs. Mary Rexrode of McDowell, Va., was a visitor in Marlinton last week, at the home of Mrs. Siple, her grand-daughter. August 1865, Mrs. Rexrode made the journey on horseback from McDowell to Droop mountain, then the home of Adam Pullin, her brother. She came by way of Marlinton, and returned in two weeks, travelling 240 miles. She was much impressed with the contrast between then and now. Her first journey on the cars began at Bartow and if she succeeds in getting home, this trip to Pocahontas, she proposes to let the trains have an indefinite rest for the future.

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#### LOCALS

F. D. Yeager is very sick.

John Alexander was in Grafton last week.

Hon. C. P. Dorr is at his Clover Lick farm.

R. M. Beard received a car load of ice Tuesday.

T. G. Powell, of Cumberland, was in town this week.

Dr. Norman R. Price is in Williamson this week.

L. Dean is building a dwelling on lower Camden Avenue.

A. M. McLaughlin, of Greenbrier county, was in town Tuesday.

J. A. Patterson, Jr., has completed his new house near the Court House.

Miss Anna Wallace and J. Lanty McNeil, of Millpoint were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Hunter at the Sweet Chalybeate Springs in Alleghany County.

Joe Wood has sold his plaining mill and other property in Marlinton and will move to Bartow.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam C. Moore and their two children were among our visitors this week.

Miss Mary Randolph Fleming, of Lynchburg, is in Marlinton, with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. T. Price.

Lewis A. Yeager, of Morgantown, is in Marlinton with his wife who has but recently recovered from a serious illness.

E. M. Richardson and Theodore Moore, who are in charge of Richardson's branch hardware store at Durbin, were in town Sunday.

A church conference will be held by the Methodist next Sunday to devise ways and means to get the next meeting of the District Conference at Marlinton.

A writer in the Manufacturers Record estimates that 50,000 of West Virginia's 11,000,000 acres of coal land have been worked out in all the 150 years our coal has been known.

Pat Gay and Walter Mann attended the horse show at Staunton last week, and report a good time. Mr. Gay drove through to Staunton, then down the valley and home by way of Pendleton county.

E. M. Johnson caught a big bass at the mouth of Stony Creek last Monday. The bass weighed three pounds but it was out of condition having been speared in the head. It would have been at least four pounds if in condition.

H. C. Russell has a piece of twenty dollar scrip issued in 1840 by the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company, payable to J. B. Marshall or bearer. It is not worth anything except as a curiosity, although the principal and accrued interest therein amount to \$98.

My helper, Geo. Ashcraft, has left me to go with Mr. McClintic in the meat business, but you will still find me at the same old stand ready to serve my customers with the best fresh meats obtainable. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your trade. Respectfully, R. M. Beard, proprietor, Marlinton Meat Market.

#### Reid-Rodgway

Curtis E. Reid and Miss Mabel Rodgway were married at the parsonage Wednesday morning the 16th inst. by Rev. J. D. Pope.

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MARLINTON'S LARGEST AND CHEAPEST STORE.

# Clearance Sale.

We are going to hold the greatest clearance sale of good footwear ever known to our customers.

Sale will commence Monday morning the 21st, come early before the sizes are broken.

We have too many shoes, got to reduce our stock at once.

### A Visit to the Store Will Pay You.

\$5 Banister Shoes \$2.98.

Walk Over \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes, \$2.48.

Bernalda Slippers \$1.19

Doress Slippers \$1.48.

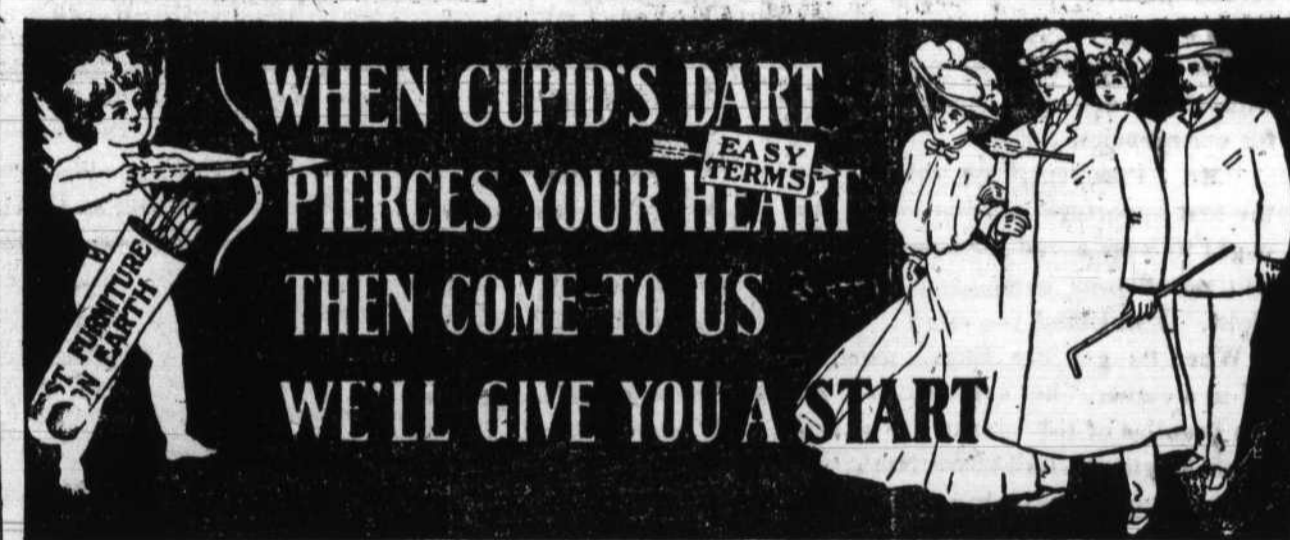
## Autumn Skirts 1-3 Off.

New fall styles just from the best New York makers. a line of samples made up for the coming season of smart panamas, serges broadcloths and cravat cloth, ranging in price to 10 dollars for 1-3 off, you have to see the goods and styles to appreciate the bargains in new up-to date goods.

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